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MOTION TO SEND A FIVE-SIGNATURE LETTER TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION AND OTHERS EXPRESSING SUPPORT OF THE GROUNDWATER RELIABILITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (ITEM NO. 2 - AGENDA OF OCTOBER 12, 2010)

Item No. 2 on the October 12, 2010 Agenda is a motion by Supervisor Knabe instructing the Executive Officer of the Board to send a five-signature letter to the Los Angeles County Congressional Delegation, the Honorable Grace Napolitano, and Robb Whitaker, General Manager of the Water Replenishment District of Southern California, expressing the Board's support of the Groundwater Reliability Improvement Program (GRIP), and recognizing the participation of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District in GRIP.

The Department of Public Works indicates that the GRIP project involves conveying recycled water from the San Jose Creek Water Reclamation Plant by pipelines to Los Angeles County Flood Control District (District) spreading grounds along the San Gabriel River. The project will result in recharge of groundwater aquifers with 46,000 acre-feet per year of highly treated recycled water. The recharged groundwater will be later pumped from the aquifer, treated for potable use, and used to supply the annual water needs of approximately 90,000 average households. The project will have minimal impact on District facilities' operations. The Water Replenishment District and other project partners will need to coordinate GRIP recharge operations with the District. The District's operations related to flood protection and water conservation using stormwater will take precedence to proposed GRIP operations.

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The County has existing policy to support legislation to: 1) encourage water conservation and increase the efficiency of water use; 2) promote groundwater banking programs and facilitate the regulatory approval process required for implementation of groundwater banking programs; 3) increase the use of recycled water within Los Angeles County; 4) preserve existing water supplies and promote local supply reliability and conservation through various approaches, including recycling and groundwater recharge; and 5) create new water supplies using a variety of approaches, including preservation of water by recycling, enhanced storage capacity through seismic retrofit of existing structures, and increased utilization of spreading grounds and debris basins.

Therefore, the motion to send a five-signature letter to the Los Angeles County Congressional Delegation, the Honorable Grace Napolitano, and Robb Whitaker of the Water Replenishment District of Southern California in support of GRIP is consistent with existing Board policy.

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